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Re: Continuation U.S. Patent Application for
Pharmaceutical Compositions and Utilization Thereof
Particularly for the Treatment of Neurodegenerative
Disorders
Inventors: Jacques Mallet, Frédéri Revah, and Jean-Marie
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-referenced patent application:

1. a complete copy of the prior application including the oath or Declaration and drawings, if any, as originally filed. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No. 08/624,469 as originally filed on May 10, 1996;
2. a Preliminary Amendment; and
3. a copy of the associate power of attorney in the prior application.

Applicants claim the right to priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to U.S. application Serial No. 08/624,469 filed May 10, 1996, which is incorporated by reference in the present application, and the right to priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) to French application Serial No. FR93-11774 filed October 4, 1993.

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for paying the filing fee.

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Please accord this application a serial number and filing date.

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Other than the filing fee, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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